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SUBJ: TRANSIT OF USS HANCOCK AND MALACCA STRAITS ISSUE

REF : KUALA LUMPUR 4734.

1. EMBASSY MAY PROPERLY DECLINE COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS WHICH CLAIM TO QUOTE UNNAMED SOURCES SPEAKING "PRIVATELY". YOU MAY ADD THAT AT PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 31 DOD SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT PRESENCE OF TASK FORCE 77.6 IN INDIAN OCEAN RELATES ONLY RPT ONLY TO U.S. INTEREST IN OPERATING IN INDIAN OCEAN FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. IF PRESSED, HOWEVER, DEPT SPOKESMAN WILL SAY OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT SEAFARING NATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT

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OF PASSAGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS BY EITHER WARSHIPS
OR COMMERCIAL VESSELS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE PROBLEM OF
INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND TRANSIT THROUGH THEM WILL BE
FULLY EXPLORED AND RESOLVED AT THE FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

30 October 1973
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Recapitulation of Airlift Deliveries to Israel

Listed below are data covering US airlift deliveries to Israel as of 0830Z 30 October 1973:

Totals for 24-Hour Periods Ending 0730Z on the Day Shown*	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct
By Soviets	380-528	20-40	340-480	410-564
By U.S. Mil	985	816	867	858
By El Al	176	15	212	370**
	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	
By Soviets	330-456	320-432	180-252	
By U.S. Mil	846	792	640	
By El Al	171	309	85	
Cumulative Totals*	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct
By Soviets	10090-12852	10110-12876	10450-13356	10860-13920
By U.S. Mil	7905	8721	9588	10446
By U.S./El Al	2089	2104	2316	2686**
	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	
By Soviets	11190-14376	11510-14808	11690-15060	
By U.S. Mil	11292	12084	12724	
By U.S./El Al	2857	3166	3251	

* 0830Z commencing 28 Oct. Excluding aircraft delivered.

** Includes reconciliation of previously unreported tonnages.

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U.S. Aircraft Delivered

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date Delivered</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
8	F-4E	14 Oct 73	
6	F-4E	15 Oct 73	
12	C-130B	15 Oct 73	
12	F-4E	17 Oct 73	
2	F-4E	18 Oct 73	
4	F-4E	20 Oct 73	
8	A-4	21 Oct 73	
10	A-4	22 Oct 73	
7	F-4	22 Oct 73	
1	F-4	23 Oct 73	Completes programmed F-4 delivery.
13	A-4	23 Oct 73	
5	A-4	24 Oct 73	
2	A-4	28 Oct 73	Completes programmed A-4 air delivery. 8 A-4s in transit by ship. 8 A-4s in Norfolk awaiting sealift.

Sorties

	<u>Last 24 Hours</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
C-141	15	250
C-5	4	81
El A1	2	81

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MIDDLE EAST TASK FORCE
Situation Report # 77

Situation Report in the Middle East as of 0600 EST, 10/30/73

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Military Situation

Both fronts remain quiet. The UN Security Council has sent a telegram to UNEF Commander General Silvasuo instructing him to request the commander of the Israeli Armed Forces to return his troops to positions occupied by them at 1650 October 22. The Israelis claim that the Egyptians attempted to put a bridge across the Canal to the north of Suez city but that the current broke up the bridge before the Israelis could destroy it.

POWs

Cairo's authoritative Al Ahram reported that Egypt would today turn over to the ICRC a list of Israeli prisoners held by Egypt. This action may take some of the steam out of the Knesset debate scheduled for today during which right-wing parties are expected to continue criticism of the government for having agreed to a cease-fire without arrangements for POW repatriation. It may also open the way for the handing over of wounded Egyptian POWs in Israeli hands whose release has been held up pending Egyptian action on the issue. In Amman Ambassador Brown in conversation with the Prime Minister has urged high level Jordanian efforts to get the Syrians to move on this increasingly hot question. Jordanian sources speculate that one issue holding up prisoner return might be Syrian reluctance to see Israeli pilots return to duty.

UNEF/UNTSO

Informal Security Council consultations on the formation of UNEF have been postponed at U.S. suggestion until October 31 by which time signs of movement on the POW issue may have softened the Israeli position toward

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UNEF composition. The SYG will make an announcement on October 30 of the dispatch of a 500 man Finnish UNEF contingent which the USG has agreed to airlift from Helsinki to Cairo.

Libya and Oil

The Libyan radio has announced a Libyan decision to completely suspend oil exports to the Netherlands as of October 30. According to the announcement this step was taken because of the unsatisfactory Dutch response to a Libyan request for clarification of the Netherlands' position on the ME conflict.

Arab Boycott Action

The Belgian Foreign Office has received a report from its Embassy in Damascus that the Arab Boycott Office there has warned Sabena, Air France, KLM, Lufthansa and Pan Am that they will be boycotted if they resume service to Israel (Sabena resumed service October 29; Pan Am does not fly to Israel). The Belgian Embassy in Damascus has been instructed to inform the Boycott Office that this demand is "exorbitant." The Belgians understand that the French have sent similar instructions to their Embassy in Damascus.

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SUBJ: EMERGING SOVIET ME LINE

1. EMBASSY CONVERSATIONS WITH MEA OFFICIALS AND
SOVIET JOURNALISTS AT SPASO RECEPTION OCTOBER 29
PRODUCED FOLLOWING INSIGHTS INTO EMERGING LINE
WITHIN SOVIET CIRCLES ON SCENARIO AND MEANING OF
ME EVENTS:

A. AGREEMENT OF CEASE-FIRE WAS REACHED DURING
KISSINGER-BREZHNEV TALKS, BUT U.S. FAILED TO
OBLIGE ISRAELI OBSERVANCE OF INITIAL CEASE-FIRE.
B. JOINT SOVIET-U.S. DESPATCH OF FORCES TO THE
CEASE-FIRE LINE WAS PROPOSED -- IN FACE OF ISRAELI
VIOLATIONS -- AS AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE SITUATION.
C. WHATEVER PREPARATIONS WERE MADE ON SOVIET SIDE
WERE UNDERTAKEN FOR PURPOSE OF JOINT ACTION ONLY, NOT
FOR PURPOSE OF UNILATERAL SOVIET ACTION. (THIS WAS
MEA LINE; PRAVDA OFFICIAL MERELY CHALLENGED INTELLI-
GENCE REPORTS ON SOVIET PREPARATIONS, ASKING WHETHER
U.S. INTELLIGENCE WAS ANY BETTER NOW THAN WHEN IT
FAILED TO FOREWARN OF SOVIET MOVEMENT INTO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.)

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D. U.S. REACTION, AND ESPECIALLY THE WAY IT WAS
PLAYED UP DOMESTICALLY, WAS EXCESSIVE AND FAR OUT OF
LINE WITH WHAT HAD BEEN DONE ON THE SOVIET SIDE.
E. MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO GET URGENT AND
FULL COMPLIANCE WITH SC RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING
OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT NIXON'S REMARKS
ON IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET ROLE IN THIS REGARD
WERE MOST APPROPRIATE.
F. WHILE LAST WEEK'S EVENTS WERE DISTURBING, IT
IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL NOT ADVERSELY EFFECT U.S.-
SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. OUR SOVIET SOURCES DID NOT CONTEND THAT JOINT
SOVIET-U.S. EFFORTS TO POSE CEASE-FIRE WERE
DESIRABLE PER SE, AND THEY DID NOT DENY THAT SUCH
EFFORTS CARRIED GREAT RISKS. THEY TENDED TO TREAT
THEM PURELY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEED FOR FIRM ACTION
IN THE FACE OF ISRAELI VIOLATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE.

3. EMOFFS HELD UP THEIR SIDE OF THE CONVERSATIONS
BY DRAWING ON PUBLIC U.S. STATEMENTS.

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